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Moscow, January 16. N. S.

THE Officers belonging to the King of Sweden's Foot-Guards having not arrived from Kiew soon enough to appear in the Czar's Triumphant Entry, they were publickly conducted into this City on the 27th of the last Month, with the same Solemnity as the other Prisoners had before marched. On the 26th Lieutenant Colonel du Pré arrived here from Great Britain, and the next Morning had the Honour to give his Czarish Majesty an Account of his Commission, and the favourable Reception he had found in the British Court. Monsieur Urbich, the Czar's Envoy at Vienna, came hither some Days ago with Major-General Osten and Brigadier Trisen, who are both entred into this Service. At the same time arrived a Gentleman belonging to the Venetian Ambassador at Vienna, who hath brought a Letter from the Republick, in answer to one the Czar sent thither some Months ago. On the 1st Instant his Czarish Majesty treated all the chief Persons of Quality, and the Foreign Ministers at a Publick Dinner. In the Evening a sumptuous Firework, on which were several Representations and Inscriptions, was prepared, and went off with great exactness. The chief Machines were a Phaeton struck with a Thunderbolt, and another Figure in Allusion to a late Medal struck in Sweden. Two Pillars were first lighted, which supported Imperial Crowns, and were adorned with a great variety of blue, green and pale Flames; when they had burnt some time, a Lion moved forward, on whose approach the first Pillar broke short at the Pedestal; but as he advanced near the second, a spread Eagle, representing his Majesty's Arms, lanced a Rocket, which blew up the Lion's Head and Neck, and the Pillar remained firm to the last. His Czarish Majesty with the principal Nobility, according to an ancient Custom at this Season of the Year, are now diverting themselves at the Houses of the Persons of the chief Quality, as well Foreigners as Russians. Three Days ago a Courier was sent from hence to the Court of Denmark, with Dispatches of so great Consequence, that two Messengers were dispatched with the same Packet, least it should happen that one of them might be disabled by any Misfortune on the Road. A Swedish Deserter from Bender says, the King of Sweden was set out from thence, in order to return to his own Dominions; but the Day of his Departure is not mentioned. A Magazine of Powder being blown up at Riga, it is reported here, that fourteen or fifteen hundred Men were killed, and one of the Bastions with a great part of the Courtine ruined by that Accident. It is said this was done by the Inhabitants themselves, who are enclined to surrender the Place; which seems to be the Opinion of this Court.

Venice, February 7. N. S. Our Regency have received Dispatches from Monsieur Foscarini, our Ambassador at the Hague, but the Contents are not yet made Publick. A great Concourse of Foreigners, among whom are several English Gentlemen, are now in this City, who partake of the Diversions of the Carnaval, which are continued with great Pomp and Magnificence. General Arnheim, who Commands all the Prussian Troops in Italy, is already arrived here; and a Palace is preparing for Prince Don Livio Odeschalchi, who is speedily expected. They write from Rome, that the Pope was so well recovered of his late Indisposition, that he had given several Audiences; but the shortness of his Breath was now returned upon him, which gave them fresh apprehensions of his approaching Death. The most open Pretenders to the Papal Dignity, are the Cardinal d'Adda, a Milaneze, aged sixty four Years, who was Legate at Bologna, and Cardinal Spinola, a Genoese, about sixty five Years old. These Letters add, that the Pope designed to make a new Promotion of Cardinals on the 17th Instant, whereby he will secure the Power of Electing a Successor to such as are in his Interests. Letters from Naples say, that all things were in Tranquility in that Kingdom; and that the Viceroy had been ill with the Gout for several Days.

Berne, February 12. N. S. The Protestant Cantons assembled at Arau were separated on the 4th Instant, without making the expected Progress in composing the Differences of these States, or coming to a final Resolution concerning the Convocation of a general Diet. They have determined nothing in relation to the Affair of Tockenburg, but we are assured that of Stein will be speedily accommodated. They have exhorted the Catholick Cantons to send their respective Quota's of Men to reinforce the Garrison of Baſle, but it is supposed this Request will be neglected until the Protestants give their consent to the Assembling of a general Diet, conformably to the late Resolution taken at Lucerne. The Deputies of the confederated Grisons are assembled at Coire, to confer on such Matters as particularly concern their Republick. The French Ambassador perceiving that he could not prevail with the Roman Catholick Cantons to grant leave for raising Men in their Districts, to compleat the Swiss Regiments that are in the Service of that Crown, and that they threaten to recal their Troops, he hath paid those Cantons part of the Pensions which are allowed them by the French King. Letters from Turin say, the Baron of St. Remi was preparing to set out for his Government of Susa, and Count de la Roque, General of the Artillery, for that of Alexandria. His Royal Highness had given fresh Orders for filling the Magazines with all possible Expedition, and such other Preparations as are necessary for an early Campaign. These Letters give us also an Account of an exemplary Execution of an Assassin, who had contrived the Death of his Royal Highness and all the Princes of the Blood. Advices from Genoa say, that the City of Lyons had borrowed one hundred and twenty thousand Crowns of that Republick, at the Interest of 6 per Cent. and that they were informed by a Vessel arrived from Barcelona, that four English Men of War had lately disbarked some Reinforcements in Catalonia for the Service of his Catholick Majesty; that Count Staremberg had commanded part of his Troops to file off towards Balaguer and Tortosa, which had given the Enemy great uneasiness, and obliged them to reinforce Fraga, and divers other Places in Arragon; and that the King of Spain was gone to visit the Fortifications of Gironne, and several Posts on the Frontiers of Roussillon.

Berlin, February 17. N. S. The Duke of Courland is arrived here, being on his Journey to Wemel, where he designs to stay 'till all things are disposed for his Re-establishment in his Dominions. His Prussian Majesty hath been confined to his Chamber for two or three Days. Last Thursday Night the King received Dispatches from Prussia, with an Account that the Muscovites had stormed Elbing, and possessed themselves of it with the Loss of eight Men only. The Garrison seeing that the Muscovites had not opened the Trenches, nor brought any Cannon before the Place, only supposed that they had a design to attack a Post in the Suburbs, with which the Muscovites began the Assault. They stormed that Place with such Fury, that they pushed the Swedes to their very Gates, and several of the Russians entered the Town with the Swedes;